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THE TOWNSHIP'S BUSINESS.

MATTERS BEFORE THE TOWN COMMITTEE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.

A Second Payment Made on the Outlet Sewer—The Fire Ordinance Adopted—Objection to Fire-Alarm Boxes in Glen Ridge.

Committeemen Oaks and Stout were absent from the Township Committee meeting on Monday afternoon. The Road Committee were authorized to make a contract for filling up Thornton Street, the dirt to be obtained from the excavation being made on Westcott Street by the East Orange Town Committee, who are having the latter street macadamized. The work on Thornton Street will probably cost about \$125.

Clerk Johnson was directed to write to the East Orange officials and request them to macadamize that portion of Ridgewood Avenue between the township line and North Park Street, a distance of about 200 feet.

An official communication from the Montclair Town Committee stated that Glen Ridge and Lincoln Avenues in Montclair would not be macadamized this year.

Several dirt roads in need of repairs were brought to the attention of the Road Committee.

Mr. Hummel called attention to a needless gutter at the junction of Park Avenue and Broad Street, which the Road Committee will have filled up.

Mr. Rayner called attention to the bad condition of Maclis Avenue, between Midland and Glenwood Avenues.

The Sidewalk Committee reported that \$1,400 of the sidewalk appropriation was still available for applications for flag-stone sidewalks.

Mr. Lockwood of the Crosswalk Committee recommended putting down crosswalks at Liberty and Spruce Streets and Fremont and Spruce Streets.

Complaint was made that the outlet sewer contractors were doing much damage to roads and sidewalks. One instance at the junction of Newark Avenue and Franklin Street was reported as particularly bad. The Clerk was directed to call the attention of Engineer Bassett to the matter, and if the contractors did not repair the damage within a reasonable time the Committee will do it at the former's expense.

A bill of \$2,717.20 was presented by the Sewer Committee for work on the outlet sewer for the month of July. The usual resolution providing for the payment of the bill was passed. The sum total of \$7,168.62 has been paid on the sewer account up to date. This is exclusive of twenty-five per cent, retained until the acceptance of the work from the contractors.

The Legal Committee reported adversely on the petition of the Bloomfield Telegraph and Messenger Company for a franchise. The objection of property-owners to the erection of poles was cited as a reason for refusing the application.

Town Counsel Barrett reported that Judge Depue had granted the application for a writ of certiorari which will bring the recent action of the County Board of Assessors in increasing valuations before the Court for review.

Mr. Barrett also reported on the matter of arrearage of taxes of C. W. Powers. The total amount of the tax due the town is \$1,884.09, including interest and costs. The Collector was authorized to accept \$1,402.77 in settlement in full of the town's claims against Mr. Powers, providing the money is paid within thirty days. The interest thrown off is prior to 1897. Mr. Barrett said that previous to that time Mr. Powers was doubtless in a position where he was unable to pay the taxes, but since that date he was able and ought to have paid his taxes. No deduction was allowed on taxes later than 1897.

Mr. Rayner of the Fire Committee said that there had been considerable talk about the legality of the publication of the fire ordinance. Mr. Barrett said that he had given the matter attention and was satisfied that the publication was legal. The same conditions did not apply in the publication of township ordinances as those which regulate the publication of Sheriff's sales and Surrogate's notices. The ordinance was adopted on the 20th of August.

The Fire Committee reported the opposition of the property-owners on Hillside Avenue and Clark Street to the erection of poles for the location of a fire-alarm box at Hillside Avenue and Clark Street. If the consent of the property-owners cannot be obtained the box will be located elsewhere.

Fred Fullman appeared before the Committee and stated his reasons for refusing to pay for the flagstone sidewalk in front of his property. Surveyor Olmsted was directed to make an examination of the sidewalk and report to the Committee.

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THE LICENSE INSPECTOR.

"The Citizen" Gives a Hint as to How Raids Should be Made.

License Inspector John F. Maxfield will probably not present an elaborate report to the Township Committee on the moral and social condition of Bloomfield's saloons. Mr. Maxfield, it is understood, has made a tour of inspection of the saloons. What he learned is probably known to the Town Committee, and he has no doubt been advised as to the future plan of action to be pursued. If the Inspector's duties are to be carried on in a quiet unobtrusive way the ultra-temporance people and the newspaper reporters will not approve of it. The latter would much prefer a report after this fashion: "A little after midnight on Saturday evening last License Inspector Maxfield, accompanied by a platoon of police headed by the Chief, made a raid on the saloons of the town. The plans of the Inspector and the police had been formed with such secrecy that none of the hangers-on about the Chief's office got an inkling of the raid, and consequently none of the saloon-keepers received a tip, and from the evidence gathered the Committee will be able to make out a strong case against them. Many licenses in the town will be revoked by the courts. The charge in every case will be under the Disorderly House Act. The evidence will not be of that questionable character that is offered in endeavoring to convict saloon-keepers of selling on Sundays. The evidence that will be given by the Inspector and the Chief will be such that no pettifogging lawyer can attack or upset it."

Then follows a long list of the saloons visited and a description of the sights witnessed. "Drunken men and drunken women were seen. In one place two negroes were playing the banjo and bones, and young men and girls were dancing. In another place gambling was going on and money was in sight. In every saloon visited some of the carousers were known by name to the police and these will be subpoenaed. The raid has created a tremendous sensation, and has been the principal topic of conversation during the week. The temperance people are highly elated."

While no public report of the Inspector's work has been made, it is known that he has informed the Committee of two saloons in the Bowery that are selling without license. If the proprietors do not take out licenses at the September term of court they will be prosecuted.

Arrested for Assault.

Mrs. Kate Acklen and her mother, Mrs. Johnson, appeared before Justice Hall on Wednesday afternoon in answer to a charge of assault, preferred by Mrs. Charles Johnson, daughter of John Jenkins of Bloomfield Avenue and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Johnson, one of the defendants. The alleged assault occurred on Tuesday last, when the defendants were placed under bonds to appear the next day for trial, William Collison of Montclair becoming their surety. Justice Hall, after giving the prisoners some wholesome advice, discharged them upon payment of fines and costs.

Rabid Dogs in Brookdale.

One night several weeks ago Wilbur Brokaw was aroused by the barking of his dog, and on going outside discovered what appeared to be a mad dog in his yard. Mr. Brokaw promptly killed the animal. Lyman B. Kent at that time owned two handsome dogs, and last week they showed signs of rabies and were killed. It is supposed they were bitten by the animal Mr. Brokaw destroyed.

Samuel Was Disgusted.

Samuel Wilson (colored), an employee of William Baldwin of Spruce Street, fell from the haymow in his employer's barn on Tuesday afternoon and wrenched his right wrist and otherwise bruised himself. On Thursday evening Samuel, to drown his sorrow, got heavily intoxicated and acted in a disorderly manner, for which Justice Post sent him to the Penitentiary for thirty days.

Brookdale's Vacant Pulpit.

The vacancy in the pulpit of the Brookdale Reformed Church, caused by the Rev. W. G. See's resignation, remains unfilled. Services are, however, conducted every Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Crinkshank of Little Falls officiating.

The New Fire-Alarm Boxes.

The location of the new fire-alarm boxes which are to be placed in position next week will be as follows: No. 34 will be at Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues in place of No. 36, which will be removed to the corner of Bloomfield Avenue and Liberty Street; 24 at Franklin Street and Montgomery Avenue; 28 at Spruce and Liberty Streets, 28 at Orange Street depot, 44 at Belleville Avenue and Oak Street, opposite G. L. R. R. station, 64 at Clark Street and Hillside Avenue, making a total of nineteen boxes in the town.

Graduates from the Montclair Military Academy are admitted to many leading colleges without examination.

A NEW ORGAN.

The Magnificent Instrument Being Placed in the New Church of the Sacred Heart.

A church organ built at the factory of L. C. Harrison & Co. in this town is being placed in the new Church of the Sacred Heart. The organ loft is in the east end of the church over the vestibule. The interior of the church is admirably designed for the best display of all the powers of an organ. The dimensions of the new instrument are 21 feet front by 23 feet high. The proportion of height had to be curtailed in order not to obscure the grand window that ornaments the east end of the church. The organ is enclosed in a finished ash case. It has forty-five display pipes, ornamented to correspond with the interior decorations of the church. The total number of pipes is 1,554. It has twenty-five stops and three combination pedals.

The new instrument is built after the latest approved pattern, and has the Harrison improved tubular pneumatic action, which does away with the old fashioned "trackers," while the touch of the keys is as light as that of a piano. The stops have been carefully voiced under the supervision of Mr. Harrison, and are all of large scale, particularly the double open diapason in the pedais, which is of what is known as "cathedral scale." The instrument will be in place ready for use about the middle of September. It has not as yet been decided whether it will be first heard in public on the opening night of the bazaar or whether to hold a special organ recital.

Will Renew the Application.

The Bloomfield District Telegraph and Messenger Company, whose application for a franchise was refused by the Township Committee last Monday, will make another effort to obtain the Committee's consent to the running of wires through the town.

One of the reasons given for refusing the franchise was that the members of the company were all under twenty-one years of age, with the exception of William H. Linder. The company will be reorganized and several well-known citizens will interest themselves in it. The company is under the impression that the Committee did not fully understand the nature of the business it was proposed to carry on and the extent to which the public were interested in the enterprise. This town at present possesses only second-rate telegraphic facilities, and the Western Union office is closed early in the evening. The new company proposed to give the town first-class telegraphic facilities and conduct an office that would be open day and night. It was proposed to make the messenger service much more convenient and cheaper than the telephone service. The company offered to allow the Committee to impose upon it all reasonable restrictions that would tend to prevent the franchise passing into other hands than those of the individuals who applied for it.

Approving the Tax Duplicate.

A special meeting of the Township Committee was held on Tuesday afternoon to review the assessment levied by Assessor Baxter for the current year. No material change was made in the valuations as fixed by Mr. Baxter, and the tax rate will remain as recently published in THE CITIZEN.

The Committee complimented Mr. Baxter on the thoroughness and fairness of his work. The tax bills are now being made out and will soon be issued. The matter of the taxation of personal property in factories was informally discussed. Mr. Baxter said that the personal property valuation was fixed by the proprietors themselves. He furnished them a blank form which they filled out. He had no discretion in the matter of fixing personal property valuations.

The De Laval Separator Company, which recently moved to Poughkeepsie, paid a tax on \$10,000 worth of personal property. This, in the opinion of some, was too much. The company itself gave in that amount of personal property. Many well-to-do people escape tax on personal property by offsetting it with an indebtedness which they make affidavit to. This is resorted to in cases where people pay rent, alleging that their landlord takes care that the whole tax on the premises they occupy is included in the rent.

Edward McGinley's Will Stands.

The Essex County Orphans' Court has decided that the caveat filed by William J. McGinley of this town, protesting against the admission to probate of the will of Edward McGinley, deceased, be deemed to be valid and admitted to probate. C. H. Halfpenny appeared for the pro-ponents and Frank M. McDermitt for the caveator.

Miss Annie Van Tassell (pupil of Miss Kate S. Chittenden of New York City) begs to announce that she will resume giving instruction on the piano forte and organ for the season of 1892-'93, commencing September 19. For terms, etc., apply to P. O. Box 272, Bloomfield.—Advt.

OPPOSED TO POLES.

Glen Ridgeites Will Therefore Do Without Fire-Alarm Boxes—Mr. Rayner's Mission.

Glen Ridge proper, that is, the portion south of Bloomfield Avenue, which is the only portion not marked by plebeian influences, is without a fire-alarm system. This state of affairs is due to the disposition of property-owners to insist upon it that they have certain rights in their own property which cannot be infringed upon without their consent, or due compensation. The Glen Ridge patrician who has studied this doctrine from Aristotle, and held to it that sovereignty and supremacy were one and indivisible, Aristotle is much studied in Glen Ridge, and its inhabitants manifest many of the distinguishing traits of the Roman patrician school.

Each inhabitant of Glen Ridge who possesses a plot of ground and dwelling is a sovereign thereon. No telephone, telegraph, or fire-alarm company can intimidate him into acknowledging that his rights on the property are secondary to theirs. In the broader plebeian portion of the town, where Aristotle is not studied and individual rights are not so well understood, the people stand in awe of anything that professes to be backed by the authority of the Township Committee. To them a contract made by the Township Committee with a gas or water company and a contract made by the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company with the Town Committee is one and the same thing, and they cannot distinguish between the Committee's right to erect a lamp-post and the Gamewell Company's right to erect a pole. This obtuseness of intellect is perhaps providential and promotive of peace and happiness. Liberty is not always synonymous with happiness, for its preservation requires eternal vigilance, and the fellow who is eternally on the lookout is not calculated to be a very amiable citizen or neighbor. The Glen Ridge patrician who in defense of his liberties stands ready with axe in hand to chop down the first fire-alarm pole that shall be erected in front of his property is not as good an illustration of the contented man as the resident of Broad Street, who sits on his piazza and enjoys in reading the various medical periodicals that give the several poles in front of his property a variegated hue. The Glen Ridge patrician knows what his rights are on his own premises, but the knowledge does not bring him happiness. It is a source of anxiety to him to defend them from intrusion.

When the fire-alarm system was first introduced into the town the people of Glen Ridge preferred to do without it rather than "disfigure" their property by allowing the erection of the necessary poles. The Township Committee recently decided to extend the fire-alarm system, and the corner of Hillside Avenue and Clark Street was selected as the location for an alarm box. This selection was probably made under the supposition that Aristotle had been laid aside and the spirit of liberty allowed to slumber in Glen Ridge. A more serious mistake was never made. Liberty is alive and kicking there, and the erection of the necessary poles for the location of a box at Hillside Avenue and Clark Street will not be allowed. Committee-man Edwin A. Rayner, who is Chairman of the Fire Committee, and who has devoted some attention to Blackstone, has been directed to labor with the people of Glen Ridge and endeavor to persuade them that Aristotle's doctrines are mere sophistries, and at the same time administer some stinging potion to the non-sophist Aristotle.

The result of Mr. Rayner's mission will be looked forward to with interest. If he fails the Committee will abandon the effort to locate boxes in Glen Ridge, and Glen Ridge proper, which is that portion south of Bloomfield Avenue, where Aristotle is read and the spirit of liberty never slumbers, will still be without a fire-alarm service.

Watseking Notes.

A visit from the State Health Inspector Dr. A. Clark Hunt, State Board of Health Inspector, was in town on Friday. He made an inspection of the poor-house and made arrangements with Overseer Vorhees to prepare and submit regular reports of the condition of that institution. He also called on Inspector W. B. Corby, who gave him an insight into the working of the local Health Board. Dr. Hunt expressed himself well pleased with the efficiency of the department. He examined the Health Board ordinances and suggested a few changes in accordance with laws recently enacted, which confer increased powers to township health boards. Dr. Hunt will send Inspector Corby a copy of the "Model Health Board Code."

Newspaper Notes.

The work of mandanizing Watseking Avenue was begun on Tuesday. A new feature has been introduced into the church services at St. Paul's P. E. Church. A choir of female voices now accompanies the male voices.

The Red Men met on Wednesday night in the wigwam. They put on the war paint and went out on a mushroom scalping expedition, having gathered several quarts of the latter-day manna, which they returned to the wigwam and enjoyed.

A meeting of Republicans of the First Ward of East Orange will be held next week at which a Republican Club will be formed. It will be a uniform club and a number of Watseking young men will join it.

Ripans Tabules: a family remedy.

MR. HARTER'S WEDDING.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., a large company assembled in the Baptist Church of Holmdel, N. J., to witness the marriage ceremony of Miss Anna Gryder Case and Stephen Lincoln Harter, who will be well remembered as the first General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Bloomfield, but now occupying a similar position at Battle Creek, Mich. One o'clock was the appointed hour, and a few minutes after the bridal party entered the church led by the four ushers, Messrs. Eugene Glowering of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; A. H. Sutphen of Holmdel, James Finlay of Battle Creek, Mich., and J. Luther Bell of Newark, who were followed by the two bridesmaids, the Misses Amanda Ballott of Normal Square, Pa., and Ada B. Steckle of Easton, Pa. Then came the two little flower-bearers, Master Ray Walton of Irvington, N. J., and Miss Bebbie Elly of Holmdel. Following them came the maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth E. Case, sister of the bride, and then the bride, leaning upon the arm of her uncle, George O. Wiley of Phillipsburg, N. J. They were met at the altar by the groom who was escorted by the best man, H. B. Sheldon, Jr., of this place.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. W. Case, who is pastor of the church and father of the bride. A reception followed immediately after at the residence of the bride's parents adjoining the church, where the happy couple were the recipients of heartfelt good wishes from a host of friends from far and near.

The presents, which completely filled the broad upper hall, were greatly admired, and gave evidence of the high regard entertained for the contracting parties. About four o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Harter left on their bridal tour amid a shower of rice sufficient to start a good-sized plantation. Where they went THE CITIZEN has not been informed, but has learned that their future home will be at Battle Creek, Mich., and join with their many friends in wishing them all good things.

A New Church Organization.

The all-day meeting held in Dodd's Hall last Sunday under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church was very successful and very encouraging to the Rev. Thomas Chase, who has been appointed by the New Jersey A. M. E. Conference to build up a Methodist Society among the colored people in this town. The Glen Ridge patrician knows what his rights are on his own premises, but the knowledge does not bring him happiness. It is a source of anxiety to him to defend them from intrusion.

In the evening the Rev. Mr. Jackson preached again. There was a large attendance at all the meetings.

The Rev. Mr. Chase is, very much gratified with the prospect for a successful church in this town. The Sabbath-school is particularly promising, numbering over twenty scholars.

Mr. Chase expects to have a new organ next Sunday, which will prove a great help in the musical part of the service.

Arrested on Suspicion.

Three suspicious-looking characters who were found loitering around Montgomery Street at a late hour on Sunday night were brought before Justice Post by Officer Bayliss, where they gave their names as William Trevathan, Thomas McGowan, and William King, all of Jefferson Street, Newark, and said they were looking for work. The Justice committed them to jail to await examination.

On Monday the Justice visited Newark and found out that they had given their right names and had respectable homes. Justice Post immediately went to the jail and secured their release.

Watseking Notes.

John Polk, a pronounced rogue, a match-peddler, was arrested by Officer Harvey on Wednesday afternoon, charged by James Moffet, proprietor of the rolling mills, with assault and battery. The peddler went into Mr. Moffet's office and the latter ordered him out, but in doing so used a very naughty word. The match merchant became much incensed and struck Moffet three times with a heavy cane he carried, hence his arrest. He will appear before the Grand Jury.

After Nine Years' Absence.

Peter Barth, a young man formerly residing